

diameter, for the purpose of maintaining its proper health and appearance or for reasons of public safety, is allowed. Cutting or removing any vegetation exceeding six inches in diameter without a permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

(c) Upon leased lands, the planting of personal gardens or domestic trees is allowed subject to all applicable Federal, State, and County agricultural regulations. *Provided, however:* the Superintendent may temporarily suspend this general privilege in the event of a water shortage or agricultural pest or disease emergency.

(d) Wood gathering is prohibited except in accordance with conditions and within areas designated by the Superintendent. Violation of such conditions or gathering wood outside of designated areas is prohibited.

§ 34.9 Protective custody.

(a) An authorized person, with reasonable cause to believe that a juvenile found within the administrative site has been unlawfully abused or neglected by any person living in the juvenile's place of residence, may take such juvenile into protective custody. An authorized person taking protective custody action pursuant to this paragraph shall deliver the juvenile to the care and custody of the appropriate State or local authorities.

(b) An authorized person, with reasonable cause to believe that a person found within the administrative site is either temporarily or permanently psychologically or mentally impaired to a degree that the person is gravely disabled or that presents a clear danger to that person or another, may take such person into protective custody. An authorized person taking protective custody action pursuant to this paragraph shall deliver the person to the care of the Mariposa County Mental Health Authorities for an initial 72-hour evaluation in accordance with applicable provisions of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) An authorized person may take into protective custody any juvenile found within the administrative site who is deemed to be a runaway according to applicable provisions of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

An authorized person taking protective custody action pursuant to this paragraph shall deliver the juvenile to the care and custody of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office.

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The information collection requirements contained in §§ 34.6, 34.8 and 34.10 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and assigned clearance number 1024-0026. This information is being collected to solicit information necessary for the Superintendent to issue permits and other benefits, and to gather information. This information will be used to grant administrative benefits. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.

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AUTHORITY: The Act of August 25, 1916, as amended and supplemented, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, particularly, 16 U.S.C. 3 and Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-391).

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Subpart A—Authority and Purpose

§ 51.1 What does this part cover?

This part covers the solicitation, award, and administration of concession contracts. The Director solicits,

awards and administers concession contracts on behalf of the Secretary under the authority of the Act of August 25, 1916, as amended and supplemented, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.* and Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391). The purpose of concession contracts is to authorize persons (concessioners) to provide visitor services in park areas. All concession contracts are to be consistent with the requirements of this part. In accordance with section 403 of the 1998 Act, the Director will utilize concession contracts to authorize the provision of visitor services in park areas, except as may otherwise be authorized by law. For example, the Director may enter into commercial use authorizations under section 418 of the 1998 Act and may enter into agreements with non-profit organizations for the sale of interpretive materials and conduct of interpretive programs for a fee or charge in park areas. In addition, the Director may, as part of an interpretive program agreement otherwise authorized by law, authorize a non-profit organization to provide incidental visitor services that are necessary for the conduct of the interpretive program. Nothing in this part amends, supersedes, or otherwise affects any provision of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*) relating to revenue-producing visitor services.

§ 51.2 What is the policy underlying concessions contracts?

It is the policy of the Congress and the Secretary that visitor services in park areas may be provided only under carefully controlled safeguards against unregulated and indiscriminate use so that visitation will not unduly impair park values and resources. Development of visitor services in park areas will be limited to locations that are consistent to the highest practicable degree with the preservation and conservation of the resources and values of the park area. It is also the policy of the Congress and the Secretary of the Interior that development of visitor services in park areas must be limited to those as are necessary and appropriate for public use and enjoyment of